

5th September 2017

The Secretary,
Great Barrier Island Local Board
Claris,
Great Barrier Island 0961

Dear Board,
Re: Pa Point Tree

I was very concerned to hear there are plans to remove the tree at the end of Blackwell Drive near Stonewall Store because it is being undermined by the sea.



This tree is a magnificent tree and is important to many people here on Great Barrier Island. We have grown up with this tree and watched it grow and flourish.

I had a look at the seaward side to see why it would be removed and frankly can't see any reason why. Rocks have been progressively removed from the bank by erosion and people but surely the bank could be built up to protect the roots.

This may only be a rumour as many things are in this community but because you are having a meeting I wanted to voice my concerns if there are plans to remove this tree.

I don't usually think about tying myself to a tree to save it but this is one tree that I would certainly consider tying myself to.

With the ongoing risk of myrtle rust to this country every Pohutukawa we can save can only be important especially when the tree looks as healthy as this one does.

I hope it is only a rumour but if it isn't, please know that I am very concerned about talk of removing this magnificent tree.

Kind regards,
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